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X3 1. An image display method for displaying description data having text information and image information described in a predetermined description format, said image display method comprising the steps of:

extracting attribute values indicating attributes for specifying the image information from the description data;

listing the extracted attribute values;

10 selecting at least one attribute value from among the listed attribute values; and

reading and displaying the image information specified by the selected attribute value.

2. The image display method as claimed in claim 1
15 wherein said step of listing the extracted attribute values lists alternative character strings to images inline displayed in the description data.

3. The image display method as claimed in claim 1
20 wherein said step of listing the extracted attribute values lists file names indicating locations of images inline displayed in the description data.

4. The image display method as claimed in claim 3
further comprising the steps of selecting a format of images inline displayed in the description data based on the attribute
25 values and listing images in the selected file format.

5. A portable terminal comprising:

a display section for displaying description data having text information and image information described in a predetermined description format;

5 image selection and display means for extracting attribute values indicating attributes for specifying the image information from the description data, listing the extracted attribute values, selecting at least one attribute value from among the listed attribute values, reading the image
10 information specified by the selected attribute value, and displaying the image information on the display section.

6. The portable terminal as claimed in claim 5 wherein the attribute values are alternative character strings to images inline displayed in the description data.

15 7. The portable terminal as claimed in claim 5 wherein the attribute values are file names indicating locations of images inline displayed in the description data.

8. The portable terminal as claimed in claim 7 wherein further a format of images inline displayed in the description
20 data is selected based on the attribute values, images in the selected file format are listed, and an image in any desired format is displayed on the display section.

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